



Briefing on Gaelic Education

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Welcome to our e-bulletin for Gaelic Education. This e-bulletin includes information on Gaelic Medium Education (GME); Gaelic Learner Education (GLE) and the promotion of Learning about Gaelic Language and Culture as part of Scotland's identity.

Gaelic Education Seminar at the Scottish Learning Festival

A current priority in the National Gaelic Language Plan is to build the capacity for leadership in Gaelic Medium Education (GME). Education Scotland invites you to a seminar at the Scottish Learning Festival to learn of developments in this area. The session will include:

Fred Wildridge, Headteacher of the Year, Scottish Education Awards 2014 gave back to education in the last year by engaging with schools to help them improve. Fred will reflect on his experiences, particularly those in GME, and offer advice on building capacity for leadership.



Social Enterprise Academy (SEA) and Education Scotland worked in partnership to deliver a leadership award for teachers through the medium of Gaelic. David Bryan, SEA will describe how the course builds leaders of learning.

Gillian Hamilton, Chief Executive of the Scottish College of Educational Leadership (SCEL) will set the context for the promotion of leadership within Scottish education. Gillian will recognise the success of the teachers who took part in the award.

Please register for this session on the [SLF website](http://www.scottishlearningfestival.org.uk).

Book now to guarantee your place at SLF. Visit the [SLF website](http://www.scottishlearningfestival.org.uk) to browse the full conference programme and book your place today.

Education Scotland at An t-Alltan

Education Scotland appreciates the opportunity to present two seminars at An t-Alltan on 30 September and 1 October 2015. These seminars will focus on numeracy and mathematics in the broad general education 3-15 an update on all aspects of Gaelic Education.

For more information and to register, please visit

[Storlann's website](#)



Advice on Gaelic Education

We have published powerpoint presentations summarising key messages from Education Scotland's Advice on [Gaelic Education](#). These may be used for professional learning, self-evaluation and professional discussion. Materials from our conference to promote the key messages from the Advice on Gaelic Education will be available soon.



Support for the Advanced Higher

Please visit [Glow](#) for resources to support Gaelic (Learners) and Gàidhlig. [Gaelic \(Learners\) and Gàidhlig Advanced Higher Route Maps](#) are available to assist teachers and other staff in planning Advanced Higher Gaelic (Learners) and Gàidhlig. These 'route maps' are a sequential list of the key guidelines, advice and support for the Advanced Higher. They include important information about assessment, learning and teaching. [More information](#).

Review of resources for National Qualifications

Education Scotland is currently seeking feedback on the materials that were produced to

support national qualifications. Practitioners of Gaelic Education are invited to give their views on resources to assist Education Scotland in identifying priority materials for update and enhancement. Please send comments to Inverness@EducationScotland.gsi.gov.uk

Gaelic Education: A summary of our key resources

Available soon on our website will be a summary of some of our key resources for Gaelic Education.



A 1+2 Approach to Language Learning

For detailed advice on the role of Gaelic Medium and Learner Education in a 1+2 Approach, [please visit our website.](#)

For advice on the second additional language (L3) to be introduced by P5 by the latest, please visit: [Language learning in Scotland: A 1+2 approach - Further guidance on L3 within the 1+2 policy.](#)



For professional learning on a 1+2 Approach, please view [Glow TV](#). A [powerpoint presentation](#) is also available.

For resources, please visit the [Stòrlann website](#) or contact djmacritchie@storlann.co.uk.



Social Enterprise Academy

Social Enterprise Academy is offering a 4-day Leadership Award for teachers in Gaelic Medium Education. The award is offered as two short

residential at Coul House near Inverness. The first of the two modules is in early November. For more information, please contact [Kate](#). Details are also available on [Social Enterprise Academy's website](#)

Nominations for the 2015 Scottish Gaelic Awards are now open. The awards recognise all aspects of Gaelic education, language, culture and heritage. Education Scotland is delighted to sponsor the Innovation in Education and Learner Awards. Please visit the [Scottish Gaelic Awards](#) website for more information. Nominations must be submitted by Friday 25 September 2015.



Bombadil Publishing



Located in the Highlands, publishes ebooks and printed books written by young people for young people. They are now offering subscriptions to enable schools to produce an ebook through the medium of Gaelic and/or English. For more information, please visit the website: [Bombadil Publishing](#)

For queries, including pricing, please contact [Marianne](#).

Applications are invited from practitioners in early learning and childcare centres, and primary and secondary schools for the post graduate certificate Strep. This distance-learning course forms part of master-level learning. It has a particular focus on terminology, skills and knowledge connected to teaching in Gaelic Medium Education. For more information, please contact sp.smo@uhi.ac.uk. This course is fully funded by the Scottish Government.





Read, Write Count – Leugh, Sgrìobh, Cunntais

Read, Write, Count is a new literacy and numeracy campaign aimed at children in P1-P3 as well as their parents and carers. It was launched by the Cabinet Secretary on 17 August 2015. The aims of the campaign include generating enthusiasm about reading, writing and counting. Read, Write, Count will provide books and other activities to support literacy and numeracy. This will include:



- bespoke packs for those in P1-P3 who are learning through the medium of Gaelic
- training to support the development of Bookbug sessions through Gaelic.

For more information, please have a look at the [web portal](#)

The Education (Scotland) Bill is still progressing through the Scottish Parliament. It includes important provisions for Gaelic. The Education and Culture Committee of the Parliament will publish its report on the Bill soon. It will be interesting to have the Committee's views and any recommendations that they may wish to offer.

Cuilean Craicte

Cuilean Craicte publishes chapter books for independent readers (aged 7-12 approx) through a crowd-funding model. This is backed by GME parent subscribers. The aim of the project is to promote independent reading for pleasure, increase vocabulary and encourage childrens' use of Gaelic beyond the classroom.



Small numbers of the first six books published are still

available to buy. The cost is £50. Authors include Frank Cottrell-Boyce, Terry Deary and Tony Bradman. For more information, please contact cuileancraicte@gmail.com.

The second series of six books is currently available for the period July-Dec 2015. The subscription is £50, with books and activity sheets sent to subscribers monthly. The authors included in the second series are Michael Morpurgo, Catherine MacPhail, Kaye Umansky and Chris Bradford. For more information, please visit the [website](#) and subscribe [here](#).



Ceòlas Uibhist Ltd

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Ceòlas Uibhist Ltd has successfully organised a series of professional learning courses. These include new community courses articulating to the Gaelic Immersion for Teachers (GI/T) course at the University of Strathclyde. For more information, please contact [Liam](#)

E-stòras: Comhairle nan Eilean Siar

E-stòras: Comhairle nan Eilean Siar have the following new resources:

[Naidheachdan Annasach](#) – a new version of the Nicolson Institute’s workbook to accompany the book, “Naidheachdan Annasach”. This is suitable for those in the broad general education at the secondary stages.

[Mac an t-Srònaich](#) - a new version of the Nicolson Institute’s workbook to accompany the book, Mac an t-Srònaich. This is suitable for those in the broad general education at the secondary stages.

[Crofting Connections](#) (fon cheann Ceanglaichean Croitearachd) - a link to worksheets and accompanying teachers’ notes produced by Crofting Connections and Stòrlann. This is suitable for older children at the primary stages.

[A’ cleachdadh Bi/Bith/Bidh](#) - interactive resource for the introduction and revision of this aspect of grammar.

[Side nan Seachd Sian](#) - An interactive resource for various levels. It is accompanied by a useful glossary of Gaelic weather terms.

Other resources include:

[Na Miosan](#)

[Miosachan](#)

[Oidhcheannan](#)



[Mar a sgrìobhas tu cinn latha](#)

Coming soon from E-stòras:

Na Cloinne Bige. This is a free downloadable app which features 20 songs for those in the early and first levels of the broad general education. This app will be launched at the Oban Royal National Mod in October.

Cur/Chur & Cuir/Chuir

This is an interactive resource for the introduction and revision of the use of cur/chur & cuir/chuir.

Bòrd na Gàidhlig will be holding their annual conference for newly qualified teachers of Gaelic Medium Education 3-18 on Wednesday 17th of November in The Albany Centre, Glasgow.



The programme will include presentations and workshops on developing Gaelic language skills, the role of partnerships with the community in the curriculum, bilingualism, the use of Glow and additional support needs. For this, Bòrd na Gàidhlig acknowledges contributions from Education Scotland, Scottish Qualifications Authority and Bilingualism Matters. For more information or to register for the



conference, please contact teagasg@gaidhlig.org.uk or
download a registration form [here](#).

For more information on Education Scotland Foghlam Alba, please visit our [website](#) and/or
contact Inverness@educationscotland.gsi.gov.uk

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information, please contact us at Inverness@educationscotland.gsi.gov.uk Our next bulletin
will be published on 27 November 2015.



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